

**Father Martin Henry
Philipsen**
O. Praem

age 83, after long and faithful service as a member of the Norbertine Community and a Norbertine priest, passed into God's eternal kingdom in Jackson, Mississippi, on August 21, 1998.

Father Philipsen was born on December 30, 1914, in De Pere, to Christ and Cora (Schreurs) Philipsen. His home parish was Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Kimberly.

Father Philipsen graduated from St. Norbert High School, De Pere, in 1935 and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy from St. Norbert College, De Pere in 1939. Father Philipsen entered St. Norbert Abbey on August 28, 1936, where he was vested as a novice. On August 28, 1938, Father Philipsen professed Simple Vows and on August 28, 1941, he professed Solemn Vows. Father Philipsen was ordained to the Diaconate on June 17, 1942, and on June 18, 1942, was ordained to the Priesthood.

Father Philipsen's assignments include being a member of the faculty of Southeast Catholic High School, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Central Catholic High School (now Notre Dame de la dñe Academy), Green Bay; and Abbot Penning's High School, De Pere. He was assistant pastor at St. John the Evangelist Parish, Essexville, Michigan; and pastor at St. William Parish, Shelby, Montana; and Our Lady of Ransom Parish, Hingham, Montana. Other assignments include House Superior at the Novitiate House in Madison; part-time Chaplain at TRUAX Air Force Base, Madison; and internal and external ministry at St. Benedict's Parish in Roundup, Montana; and at St. Norbert Abbey in De Pere.

Since 1992, Father Philipsen was a member of the Priory of St. Moses the Black in Jackson, Mississippi, where he was involved in internal and external ministry.

Father Philipsen is survived by a sister, Mrs. James (Minnie) Garvey, Appleton; two brothers and their wives: George (Annie), Kimberly; and Theodore (Mame), Clintonville; and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers: John and William and their wives, and a brother-in-law, James Garvey.

The Reception of the Body/Vespers of the Dead Service will be held in the St. Norbert Abbey Church on Tuesday, August 25, at 7:30 p.m. with visitation following until 9 p.m.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be held in the St. Norbert Abbey Church on Wednesday, August 26, at 11 a.m.

Rt. Rev. Jerome G. Tremel, O. Praem., Abbott Emeritus of St. Norbert Abbey, will preside at the funeral liturgy and will be the homilist.

Burial will be in the St. Norbert Abbey Cemetery.

Ryan Funeral Home, De Pere is in charge of the arrangements.